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SUBJECT: POLISH-SWEDISH DIFFERENCES OVER VISITOR'S VISAS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS HEARD ONE REPORT, PROBABLY REFLECTING CURRENT RUMOR IN THE U.S., THAT DURING FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK'S RECENT VISIT TO SWEDEN, SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME RAISED DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED BY SWEDISH CITIZENS OF FORMER POLISH/JEWISH ETHNIC BACKGROUND IN OBTAINING VISAS TO VISIT POLAND. PALME IS SAID TO HAVE REMINDED THE POLES THAT THERE IS A BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN FORCE WHICH PROVIDES FOR VISA ISSUANCE AT PORTS OF ENTRY. THE POLES REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT POLAND DOES NOT OBJECT TO SWEDEN REFUSING VISAS AT PORTS OF ENTRY.

2. WE SEE SOMETENTATIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE POLES ARE AS A MATTER OF POLICY REFUSING VISAS TO THOSE POLISH/JEWS WHO LEFT IN THE 1967-70 PERIOD AND WHO SINCE HAVE ACQUIRED CITIZENSHIP IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. FOR STOCKHOLM: CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM THAT SWEDES RAISED VISAS FOR FORMER POLISH/JEWS WITH POLES IN RECENT WEEKS?

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4. FOR WARSAW: CAN EMBASSY WARSAW SHED LIGHT ON JUST WHAT
POLISH VISA POLICY IS AS REGARDS POLISH JEWS WHO LEFT IN

1967-70 PERIOD? INGERSOLL

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